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of the

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for the

MUNICIPAL YEAR

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REPORT OF ASSESSORS FOR THE YEAR 1938-'39

Real Estate, Resident	\$113,647.00	
Real Estate, Non-Resident	36,439.00	
	<hr/>	\$150,086.00
Personal Property, Resident	\$17,648.00	
Personal Property, Non-Resident	2,872.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 20,520.00

Grand Total Valuation		\$170,606.00
Rate \$63.50 per thousand	\$10,833.48	
Polls 171	513	

Total Tax		\$11,346.48
Amount raised by Town	\$ 9,259.68	
State Tax	1,426.72	
County Tax	658.46	
Overlay	1.62	

Total		\$11,346.48
Number of Polls exempted	22	
Total of Abatements drawn		\$40.28
Amount of Supplementary Taxes 1939		15.00
Amount of Supplementary Taxes 1938		23.81

H. W. ALLEN
JARED ROCKWELL

Assessors

ABATEMENT ACCOUNT FOR 1938-'39

Feb. 28, 1938, Overdraft	\$126.56	
Mar. 1, 1939, Abatements drawn	40.28	
Unexpended balance	33.16	
	<hr/>	\$200.00
Amt. appropriated by town Mar. 22, 1938		\$200.00

REPORT OF SELECTMEN**TOWN OFFICERS**

Mar. 22, 1938, appropriation	\$ 900.00	
Unexpended balance	117.31	
Transferred from Fire Ward acct.	5.00	
Overdraft, Mar. 7, 1939	5.17	
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		\$1,027.48
March 7, 1939, Orders drawn	\$1,027.48	\$1,027.48

Expenditures

Albert Richard, Jr., selectman	\$ 50.00
Joseph Drisko, selectman	15.00
Elmer Grant, selectman	10.00
Harold Allen, assessor	51.80
Horace Look, assessor	36.40
Jared Rockwell, assessor	46.20
Frank H. Allen, treasurer	50.00
Luther G. Sawyer, clerk	10.00
Benj. H. Varney, superintendent	320.04
Dan Look, constable	4.00
Austin Allen, constable	4.00
Bert M. Bailey, overseer	25.00
Charles F. Wilson, auditor	5.00
Frank Fish, health officer	10.00
Frank H. Allen, school committee	5.00
Jared Rockwell, school com.	5.00
Graydon Hartford, school com.	5.00
Bert M. Bailey, fire ward	5.00
R. A. Norton, truant officer	5.00
Laura Allen, ballot clerk	5.00
Phyllis Drisko, ballot clerk	5.00
Genesta Norton, election clerk	2.50
Frances Tibbetts, election clerk	2.50

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Grace Allen, election clerk	2.50
Carrie Norton, election clerk	2.50
Seth Higgins, tax collector	340.84
Frank Fish, constable	4.20

\$1,027.48

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT

Receipts

March 1938 Appropriation	\$ 400.00
Balance unexpended	190.58
Bank Stock, R. R. & Tel. Tax	22.30
Transferred from excise taxes	1,169.39
Town of Baring	4.00

\$1,786.27

Expenditures

Treas. of State, mother's aid	\$ 423.00
Treas. of State, inst. service	158.86
Teague Pub. Co., town reports	54.40
Loring, Short & Harmon, supplies	13.15
Marks Printing House, supplies	11.40
Machias Valley News-Ob., ptg. notices	3.00
Seth H. Higgins, filing lien claims	22.50
Henry Sawyer, legal advice	9.00
Luther Sawyer, expense	13.36
Frank H. Allen, expense	6.00
Albert Richard, Jr., car hire and exp.	45.04
Bert Bailey, car hire	5.00
Frank Fish, car hire and expense	11.00
Seth H. Allen, supplies and flags for graves	3.69
Jared Rockwell, car hire	.75
Harry Brown, sealer of wghts. & meas.	10.72

H. A. Barton, posting warrants and rental adding machine	5.00	
National Used Car Report Inc., copy Red Book	1.50	
Frank W. Stimson, audit. town bks.	205.00	
Winfield Worcester, work on Flor- ence Plant grave	2.00	
E. A. White, reporting births & deaths	3.50	
Fire Wards payroll, fire on J. Cran- don & M. Barton's land	4.44	
S. B. Furbish, book for collector	1.00	
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		\$1,013.31
Balance unexpended		772.96
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		\$1,786.27

TOWN HALL

Mar. 22, 1938, bal. unexpended	\$ 21.44	
Mar. 22, 1938, appropriation	100.00	
Mar. 7, 1939, hall rent	103.70	
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		\$225.14
Mar. 7, 1939, Orders drawn	\$174.26	
Mar. 7, 1939, bal. unexpended	50.88	
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		\$225.14

Expenditures

Joseph Drisko, wood	\$ 12.00	
Frank Fish, janitor work	71.65	
S. H. Allen, insurance	41.25	
Bangor Hydro Electric Co., current	42.21	
Ramsdell's Store, supplies	7.15	
Mar. 7, 1939, bal. unexpended	50.88	
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		\$225.14

ABATEMENTS

Mar. 22, 1938, Appropriation	\$200.00	\$200.00
Mar. 22, 1938, overdraft	\$ 45.44	
Mar. 7, 1939, orders drawn	40.28	
Mar. 7, 1939, unexpended bal.	114.28	
	<hr/>	\$200.00

INTEREST

Mar. 22, 1938, appropriation	\$400.00	
Mar. 22, 1938, int. on school fund	30.00	
	<hr/>	\$430.00
Mar. 22, 1938, overdraft	\$ 57.93	
Mar. 7, 1939, orders drawn	341.66	
Mar. 7, 1939, unexpended	30.41	
	<hr/>	\$430.00

Expenditures

March 22, 1938	57.93	
Union Trust Co., int. on time loan	252.50	
Union Trust Co., int. on temp. loan	54.16	
Int. on school fund	30.00	
Int. Florence Plant Trust Fund	2.00	
Int. on Teacher's retirement	3.00	
Bal. unexpended	30.41	
	<hr/>	\$430.00

NOTES PAYABLE

Notes paid	\$3,000.00	
March 7, 1939, outstanding Union		
Trust Co.	4,050.00	
School Fund note	1,000.00	
Florence Plant fund	100.00	
	<hr/>	\$8,150.00

Mar. 22, 1938, amt. outstanding	\$6,150.00	
Temporary loans 1938	2,000.00	
	<hr/>	\$8,150.00

STREET LIGHTS

Mar. 7, 1939, orders drawn	\$351.46	
Mar. 22, 1938, overdraft	19.57	
Mar. 7, 1939, unexpended	3.97	
	<hr/>	\$375.00
Mar. 22, 1938, appropriation	\$375.00	\$375.00

FIRE WARD

Mar. 22, 1938, unexpended balance	\$ 3.32	
Mar. 22, 1938, appropriation	1.68	
	<hr/>	\$ 5.00
Mar. 7, 1939, transferred to officers' fees		\$ 5.00

FLORENCE PLANT FUND

Balance		\$102.00
Mar. 22, 1938, balance	\$100.00	
Mar. 7, 1939, int. received	2.00	
	<hr/>	\$102.00

SCHOOL FUND

To School account	\$ 30.00	
Mar. 7, 1939, balance	1,000.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,030.00
Mar. 22, 1938, balance	\$1,000.00	
Int. received	30.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,030.00

STATE AND COUNTY TAX

Paid State Treasurer	\$1,426.72	
Paid County Treasurer	658.46	
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		\$2,085.18
State Tax Assessed	\$1,426.72	
County Tax assessed	658.46	
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		\$2,085.18

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT RICHARD, Jr.
JOSEPH DRISKO
ELMER GRANT

CORRECTIONS AND CHARITIES**Supplies for Benjamin Dorr**

Bert Bailey	\$110.47
Allen & Co.	46.64
Plummer & Hall	12.71
S. H. Allen	.80
R. A. Norton	.50
C. J. Church	32.80
Geo. Bucknam	5.70

Supplies for W. H. Tracy

B. M. Bailey	18.12
C. J. Church	7.42
F. H. Tabbut, repair of shoes	1.50
S. H. Allen	1.59
Allen & Co.	18.16

Supplies for Harold Driscoll

C. J. Church	23.57
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Supplies for Clarence Sinclair

Allen & Co.	3.71
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Supplies for Ex-soldier

Town of Franklin	110.04
Town of Franklin, medical aid	36.25
Allen & Co.	2.16
Eastern Maine General Hospital	54.50

Supplies for William Schencks

Town of Jonesboro, supplies	2.99
Town of Jonesboro, confinement	20.00
Express on Surplus Commodities	74.97

Supplies for Elery Farnsworth

Town of Jonesport	12.18
Care and food for tramps	20.92

Care of E. V. French

Charles Tibbetts	40.00
Frank Fish	20.00
Mrs. Doris Allen	75.00
E. A. White, medical aid	26.50

Services to Mrs. Richard Worcester

E. A. White	18.00
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Expense

B. M. Bailey, telephone and postage	2.50
B. M. Bailey, 1 trip to Jonesport	3.00
Leslie Tibbetts, opening grave	10.00
Frank Hartford, opening grave	10.00

Total**\$822.70**

BERT M. BAILEY,
Overseer of Poor.

REPORT OF ROAD COMMISSIONER,**MARCH 11, 1939****TOWN ROAD ACCOUNT**

Amount appropriated by town		\$1,100.00
Paid for patrol	\$ 654.00	
Third Class Maintenance	143.25	
Cutting bushes	71.40	
Labor and material on town roads	321.95	
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Total expenditures		\$1,190.60
Overdraft for the year		\$ 90.60

Expenditures

Lester S. Look	\$ 54.75	
Albert Clark	2.80	
Clayton Foss	16.80	
Clarence Grant	1.40	
Hazen Grant	5.60	
Newell Grant	5.60	
Wellington Rockwell	7.00	
Earl Tibbetts	2.80	
Harry Tabbutt	4.20	
Charles Drisko	1.40	
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Total for hand labor		\$ 102.35

Teams

Roscoe Grant	\$ 4.40	
Wellington Rockwell	4.40	
Hubert Tabbutt	2.20	
P. A. Worcester	2.20	
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Total for teams		\$ 13.20

Trucks

L. G. Sawyer	\$ 63.00	
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Dan Hartford	1.13
Hubert Tabbutt	29.40
Elmer Grant	27.00
Roscoe Grant	24.75

Total for trucks \$ 145.28

Material and Bills

S. H. Allen	\$.60
Gilbert A. Dorr, posts	1.50
E. M. Dorr, blacksmith work	13.15
Graydon Hartford, gravel	14.70
F. B. Pineo, lumber	14.40
D. N. Ramsdell, supplies	1.68
F. M. Tucker & Sons	15.09

Total for material \$ 61.12

Bush Cutting Account

Lester S. Look	\$ 21.00
Monroe Ayers	5.60
Charles Drisko	8.40
Gilbert Dorr	1.40
Hazen Grant	8.40
Rexford Grant	8.40
Ernest Pottle	5.60
Earl Tibbetts	1.40
Frank Hartford	11.20

Total for cutting bushes \$ 71.40

THIRD CLASS MAINTENANCE

Lester S. Look	\$ 44.25
Charles Drisko	4.20
Gilbert A. Dorr	1.40
Howard Dorr	1.40
Earl Tibbetts	1.40

Total for hand labor \$ 52.65

Trucks

Elmer Grant	\$ 36.00
Roscoe Grant	24.75
L. G. Sawyer	27.75

Total for trucks	\$ 88.50
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Material

C. A. Nash	\$ 2.10
Total for material	\$ 2.10

MAINTENANCE OF UNIMPROVED ROADS

Funds available	\$ 54.90
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Expenditures

Lester S. Look	\$ 12.00
Gilbert Dorr	5.60
Earl Tibbetts	5.60
Elmer Grant, with truck	27.00
Charles Drisko, gravel	4.20
E. M. Rockwell, gravel	.50

Total	\$ 54.90
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STATE AID ROAD

Funds available, \$2,406.83 plus \$114.58 =	\$2,521.41
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Cost of work

Grading 1450 ft.	\$1,122.85
Base 1450 ft.	1,170.68
Culverts	252.95
Surface 1450 ft.	208.45

Total cost of work	\$2,754.93
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Overdrawn	\$ 233.52
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Expenditures

Lester S. Look	\$ 121.00
Arden Ayers	27.30

Howard Dorr	39.38
Norman Dorr	23.45
Charles Drisko	8.40
Bert Floyd	40.78
Elmer Grant	43.58
Lorey Grant	41.48
Clarence Grant	15.75
Roscoe Grant	10.50
Hazen Grant	5.60
Rexford Grant	9.10
Horace Look	28.00
Charles Nickerson	32.73
Jared Rockwell	48.83
Wellington Rockwell	57.58
Emery Smith, shovel operator	79.50
Harold Sinclair	59.51
S. H. C., shovel	397.50
Charles Tibbetts	50.23

Total for labor and shovel	\$1,140.20
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Truck Drivers

Thurman Caler	\$ 51.20
Arnold Grant	30.57
Ray Grant	43.70
Albert Richard, Jr.	37.13

Total for truck drivers	\$ 162.60
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Trucks

Frank Allen	\$ 87.37
Oscar Allen	74.26
Harold Allen	62.43
W. E. Bailey	116.02
Wilbur Grant	87.18
Roscoe Grant	60.75
Dan Hartford	134.74

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Graydon Hartford	127.69
D. W. Hartford	86.05
F. B. Pineo	82.13
L. G. Sawyer	56.25
B. B. Tibbetts	61.13

Total for trucks	\$1,036.00
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Material

E. M. Rockwell, gravel	\$ 162.10
R. A. Norton	9.03
Fred Champion	2.25
Burnham Hardware Co.	5.40
Penn Culvert Co., culverts	190.13
S. H. C., culvert	47.22

Total for material	\$ 416.13
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THIRD CLASS AND SPECIAL RESOLVE

Funds available	\$ 736.96
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Cost of work

Lester S. Look	\$ 11.50
Bert Bailey	7.70
Dan Look	7.70
Winslow Morris	8.05
Wellington Rockwell	7.70
Ansel Rockwell	7.70

Total for hand labor	\$ 50.35
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J. W. Drisko	\$ 25.85
F. B. Pineo	1.69
L. G. Sawyer	22.50
Hubert Tabbutt	25.88
Earl Worcester	3.38

Total for trucks	\$ 79.33
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Leroy Gilman, gravel	11.10
S. H. C., tar and applying	481.60
Balance unexpended, \$114,58, which was transferred to State Aid Account	

SNOW ACCOUNT

Amt. raised by town Mar, 22, 1938	\$300.00
Total expenditures	\$611.04
Overdrawn	\$311.04

Expenditures**Snow Removal payroll**

L. D. Worcester, plowing	\$178.40
Elmer Grant	38.63
Lester S. Look	3.19

Total for plowing	\$220.22
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Sanding Ice

L. D. Worcester, truck	\$ 14.06
Elmer Grant, truck	6.75
Frank Fish, hand	2.45
Elmer Grant, hand	1.32
Carroll Look	2.10
Lester S. Look	1.50
Roscoe Grant, truck	4.50

Total for sanding ice	\$ 32.68
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Hauling sand for stock piles

W. E. Bailey, truck	\$ 13.50
Wellington Rockwell	4.20
Rexford Grant	4.20
Elmer Grant	4.50
Richard, sand	3.75

Total for stock piles	\$ 30.15
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Total for snow removal payrolls	\$283.05
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\$22.79 of this payroll was spent March, 1938

Paid

S. H. C., plowing main line	\$200.40
Salt	18.00
Hauling salt	1.00
L. D. Worcester, plowing town roads	31.20
Elmer Grant, plowing town roads	6.94
Charles Drisko, hand	4.73
J. W. Drisko, hand	5.60
Orrin Dorr, hand	2.10
Allen Emerson, hand	4.03
James Emerson, hand	2.98
Stanley Foss, hand	1.40
Edward Grant, hand	1.05
Rexford Grant, hand	6.30
Maynard Grant, hand	2.60
Winslow Morris, hand	2.80
Wellington Rockwell, hand	1.40
Harry Tabbutt, hand	7.00
Earl Tibbetts, hand	5.60
Herbert Young, hand	3.85
Newell Grant, labor on snow fence	2.28
Carl Reed, labor on snow fence	2.10
Rexford Grant, labor on snow fence	1.40
Harold Tyler, labor and storage	12.23
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Total for expense on snow besides snow removal payrolls	\$326.99

The state reimburses one-half of snow removal payroll; there is also \$28.00 from state for rent on snow fence.

LESTER S. LOOK,

Road Commissioner 1938-'39

FINANCIAL STANDING**Resources**

Balance on hand	\$2,371.08
Bagley, Leon, bal. 1931 tax	10.00
Clark, Albert, bal. 1931 tax	4.24
Frye, Flynn and Caswell, bal. 1931 tax	16.80
Due from 1932 commitment to C. J. Church	460.97
Due from 1933 commitment to F. H. Morris	152.67
Due from 1934 commitment to F. H. Allen	109.98
Due from 1935 commitment to B. M. Bailey	53.11
1935 tax liens	35.37
Due from 1936 commitment to J. N. Foster	35.58
1936 tax liens	43.81
Due from 1937 commitment to J. N. Foster	122.75
1937 tax liens	86.96
1938 tax liens	268.79
Due on filing lien claims	47.50
Due from State for porcupine bounties paid	412.00
Due from State for rent of snow fence	28.00
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Total resources	\$4,259.61
Liabilities exceed resources	1,246.98
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	\$5,506.59

Liabilities

Note to Trustees of School Fund	\$1,000.00
Note to Trustees, Florence Plant Fund	100.00
Note to Union Trust Co.	4,050.00
Due John Foster, collection of taxes	334.84
Due F. H. Allen, collection of taxes	18.14
Due S. H. Higgins, collection of taxes	3.61
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Total Liabilities	\$5,506.59

RECEIPTS

Mar. 6, '38—Balance on hand	\$2,271.95
John Foster, 1938 excise taxes	169.30
John Foster, acct. 1937 commitment	364.82
Leslie Tibbetts, bal. 1937 tax	44.24
C. J. Church, Town of Baring	4.00
Town of Centerville, tuition	150.00
Merrill Fickett, on acct. 1937 tax	4.00
Merrill Higgins, bal. 1937 tax	16.82
Home Owners Loan Corp., 1936 and 1937 tax of Newell Grant	79.13
Lottie Grant, bal. 1937 tax, Jerome Tibbetts heirs	5.74
Henry Tracy, bal. 1937 tax	4.13
Hattie Foss, bal. 1938 tax	29.50
Town of Columbia, tuition	350.00
Frank Fish, rent town hall	83.70
Union Trust Co., temp. loans	2,000.00
Treas. of State, State aid road	1,956.83
Treas. of State, Third class road	622.38
Treas. of State, Equalization fund	344.00
Treas. of State, dog license refund	22.13
Treas. of State, State school fund	1,127.02
Treas. of State, R. R. & Tel. tax	1.92
Treas. of State, Bank stock	20.38
Treas. of State, Maintenance unimproved rds.	54.90
Treas. of State, Equalization	2,057.00
F. H. Allen, 1938 excise taxes	79.79
F. H. Allen, 1939 excise taxes	483.47
L. G. Sawyer, dog license fees	63.00
Trustees school fund	30.00
Trustees, Florence Plant fund	2.00
S. H. Higgins, on acct. 1938 excise taxes	120.46
S. H. Higgins, acct. 1938 commitment	11,064.69
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	\$23,627.35

Expenditures

1938 Town Warrants paid	\$20,781.27
Paid Treas. of State, dog license fees	63.00
Paid porcupine bounties	412.00
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Total expenditures	\$21,256.27
Balance town funds on hand	2,371.08
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	\$23,627.35

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have examined the books and accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer of the Town of Columbia Falls for the past municipal year and have found vouchers for all orders drawn and for all moneys paid out and the accounts correctly cast.

CHARLES F. WILSON, Auditor.

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
of the
TOWN OF COLUMBIA FALLS
1938-39

DIRECTORY

Superintending School Committee

Graydon Hartford	Term expires 1939
Frank H. Allen	Term expires 1940
Jared Rockwell	Term expires 1941

Attendance Officer

Ralph A. Norton

Teachers	School	Weekly salary
Albert Richard, Jr.—	Prin. High School	\$33.33 $\frac{1}{3}$
Miss Edyth Silverman—	Asst. High School	27.50
Lawrence Drisko—	Grammar	17.00
Miss Helen Rockwell—	Intermediate	16.00
Mrs. Marjorie Pineo—	Primary	16.00
Mrs. Frances Worcester—	Prim., Central	15.00
Miss Elizabeth Rockwell—	Asst., Central	14.00
Mrs. Goldie Sprague		16.00

Janitors

Milton Oliver—	High and Grammar	2.50
Frank Fish, Jr.—	Hamlin	1.50
Embert Grant—	Tibbetts Town	1.25
Embert Tibbetts—	Central	1.25

FINANCIAL STATEMENT**Resources**

Interest on Permanent School Fd.	\$ 30.00
Appropriation	2,500.00
Tuition, town of Columbia	350.00
Tuition, town of Centerville	150.00
State School Fund	1,127.02
Equalization Fund	1,388.58

\$5,545.60

Expenditures**Elementary School**

Teachers Salaries	\$2,973.80
Fuel	226.67
Janitors and Cleaning	220.00

\$3,420.47

High School

Teachers' Salaries	\$1,981.63
Fuel	60.00
Janitor and Cleaning	83.50

\$2,125.13

Total Elementary and H. S. expense \$5,545.60

HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY**Resources**

Appropriation	\$50.00
Equalization Fund	4.81

\$54.81

Expenditures

Papers, magazines and books \$54.81

HIGH SCHOOL LABORATORY**Resources**

Unexpended 1937-38	\$.24
Appropriation	50.00
Equalization Fund	20.84

\$71.08

Expenditures

Laboratory Equipment and Supplies	\$71.08
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TEXT BOOKS AND SUPPLIES**Resources**

Appropriation	\$450.00
Equalization Fund	278.54

\$728.54

Expenditures

Text Books, High School	\$ 94.41
Text Books, Elementary Schools	260.40

\$354.81

Supplies, High School	\$104.18
Supplies, Elementary Schools	269.55

\$373.73

\$728.54**EQUALIZATION FUND****Resources**

Bal. 1937-38	\$ 291.06
1938-39	2,057.00

\$2,348.06

Distribution

Credited to:

High and El. school acct.	\$1,388.58	
H. S. Library account	4.81	
H. S. Laboratory account	20.84	
Text Books and Supplies account	278.54	
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		\$1,692.77

Unexpended		<hr/>	\$ 655.29
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REPAIRS**Resources**

Unexpended 1937-38	138.20	
Appropriated	150.00	
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		\$288.20

Expenditures

Herman Grant	\$ 1.75	
Austin Worcester	1.40	
Donald Reed	5.60	
Frank Allen	42.00	
Dannie Hartford	7.35	
Rolla F. Thompson	65.25	
Ernest Thompson	65.25	
Harold Allen	49.32	
Warren Grant	3.00	
Harold Sinclair	1.40	
Ralph Norton	8.23	
Fred B. Pineo	10.43	
F. M. Tucker & Sons	16.48	
Graydon Hartford	6.10	
B. B. Tibbetts	2.25	
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		\$285.81

Unexpended		<hr/>	\$ 2.39
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SCHOOL BUDGET 1939-40**Expenditures****Elementary Schools**

4 teachers 36 wks. @ \$17.00	\$2,448.00
1 teacher 36 wks. @ \$16.00	576.00
1 teacher 36 wks. @ \$15.00	540.00
Fuel	250.00
Janitors and Cleaning	225.00

\$4,039.00**High School**

Principal's Salary	\$1,300.00
Assistant's Salary	1,100.00
Janitor and Cleaning	95.00
Fuel	70.00

\$2,565.00

High School Library	50.00
High School Laboratory	50.00
Text Books and Supplies	600.00

\$7,304.00**Resources**

Unexpended Equalization Fund	\$ 655.59
State School Fund	1,100.00
Tuition	500.00
Equalization Fund	2,000.00

\$4,255.59

\$3,048.41

Recommended appropriation	\$3,050.00
Recommended for Repairs	150.00
Recommended for Insurance	160.50

The 1938 allotment of the equalization fund was \$688.00. Of this amount, \$396.94 was credited to the various accounts for which it could be legally used, leaving a balance of \$291.06. This balance added to the 1939 allotment of \$2,057.00 made a total fund of \$2,384.06 for use this year. After crediting the several accounts with sufficient funds to balance each, the sum of \$655.29 remains unexpended. The total appropriation for the several accounts last year for which the equalization fund can be used, was \$3,050.00. A like amount appropriated for 1939-40, plus other anticipated funds, will enable the town to maintain the present salaries, increased expenditures for books, supplies, high school library and laboratory and a year of 36 weeks in the elementary schools.

As a result of increased funds from the State it has been possible to increase the school year from thirty-two to thirty-six weeks in the elementary schools and to grant substantial increases in the salaries of all teachers. One teacher, viz: Mr. Drisko, attended the University of Maine summer school last year. Other teachers are expected to attend some school the coming summer.

The work of the schools has progressed with unusual smoothness during the past year. The teachers, as a whole, have been faithful and efficient. The increase in the length of the school year, if maintained in the future, will be of inestimable value to all pupils entering high school.

In the elementary schools, the grades have been changed to conform to the state course of study. Pupils entering school for the first time will be assigned to the sub-primary grade instead of the first grade as previously. Pupils completing the work of the elementary schools will be promoted to high school

from the eighth grade, the ninth grade being eliminated.

Enrollment in the different schools is as follows: Hamlin Primary, 23; Hamlin Intermediate, 21; Grammar, 23; Central, 32; Tibbetts Town, 14; High School, 49; Total, 162.

The exterior and interior of the Tibbetts Town building was painted, the entrance floor to the high school building was replaced and new steps to the Hamlin building were constructed.

A very commendable piece of work was accomplished in the matter of grading and graveling the high school grounds. It was possible to do this with little expense through use of material taken from a road construction project.

Steps should be taken to provide toilets at the high school which will comply with the requirements of the law.

In concluding this brief report, I wish to again pay my respects to the teachers for their faithful work and cooperation and to thank the members of the superintending school committee and citizens for their loyal support.

Respectfully submitted,

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